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SUBJECT: SECDEF VISIT TO FRANCE

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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM FRENCH MOD THAT, WITH ONE EXCEPTION,
REVISED TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, FOR
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SECDEF VISIT IS ACCEPTABLE. IT IS NOW PROPOSED THAT

SECDEF WILL NOT REPEAT NOT VISIT A US CEMETERY SO THAT
EVENT SHOULD BE DELETED FROM SEPTEMBER 30 SCHEDULE.

2. PRESS POLICY: PER TELECON BETWEEN ASD LAITIN AND PAO,
EMBASSY SHOULD PLAN FOR PRESS CONFERENCE WITH SECDEF ON
MORNING OF OCTOBER 1, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR US.

3. COMPOSITION OF PARTY AND ACCOMMODATIONS: IN ADDITION
TO LIST FORWARDED STATE 219841, PARTY WILL INCLUDE LT. COL.
JERRY LINDAUER, USMC, MILITARY ASSISTANT TO ASD LAITIN.
THEREFORE REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

SUITE FOR SECDEF, DAUGHTER AND SON.

SMALL SUITE FOR ASD LAITIN.

DOUBLE ROOM (TWIN BEDS) FOR MR. AND MRS. MARSHALL

NINETEEN SINGLE ROOMS FOR REMAINDER OF PARTY. FOUR
ROOMS FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE ON DIFFERENT
FLOOR THAN SECDEF AND OTHER PRINCIPALS.

4. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION: WE BELIEVE SUBJECTS FRENCH
INTEND TO DISCUSS (PARA 1 REF B) WITH SECDEF WILL PRESENT
OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO RAISE SUBJECT OF INCREASING THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF ALLIED FORCES IN EUROPE BY VARIOUS
MEANS, INCLUDING INCREASED ATTENTION TO RATIONALIZATION/
STANDARDIZATION (REF C). SECDEF WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
DISCUSS FRENCH TACTICAL NUCLEAR CONCEPTS AND PLANNING.

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